

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
WESTERN DIVISION**

**MELISSA A RUSSELL,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL, et al.,**

**Defendants.**

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**Case No.: 7:17-cv-01399-RDP**

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

This case is before the court on Plaintiff's failure to comply with the April 3, 2018 Order of this court. (Doc. # 22). In that Order, the court directed Plaintiff, who is proceeding *pro se*, to replead her defamation, discrimination, and privacy claims with more particularity on or before April 30, 2018. (*Id.*). That Order included language in bold that warned Plaintiff that "[f]ailure to file a Second Amended Complaint as directed may result in this action being dismissed for failure to state a cause of action upon which relief can be granted." (*Id.*). The April 30, 2018 deadline has come and passed, and, as of the date of entry of this Order, Plaintiff has not filed her Second Amended Complaint or requested an extension of time.


The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure "expressly authorize a district court to dismiss a claim, including a counterclaim, or entire action for failure to prosecute or obey a court order or federal rule." *State Exchange Bank v. Hartline*, 693 F.2d 1350, 1352 (11th Cir. 1982); *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b-c). Additionally, a district court has "inherent . . . authority to enforce its orders and ensure prompt disposition of legal actions." *State Exchange*, 693 F.2d at 1352.

Plaintiff has failed to obey the court's April 3, 2018 Order and has remained silent since the entry of that Order, despite the court's express warning about the consequences of her failure to comply. (Doc. # 22). Accordingly, the court hereby **ORDERS** that this action shall be, and is, **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to close this case.

The Clerk of the Court is **FURTHER DIRECTED** to mail a copy of this Order to Plaintiff at her address of record.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** this May 2, 2018.

  
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**R. DAVID PROCTOR**  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE